

In the Claims

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3 **1. (Currently Amended)** An apparatus for retaining and pulling an end of
4 a line through a raceway, the apparatus comprising:
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6 a line clamp having a wedge fitted into a channel adapted to retain the end
7 of the line therebetween; and
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9 an attachment portion attached to the wedge and for connecting the line
10 clamp to an end of a fish tape for pulling the line clamp through the raceway; and
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12 wherein the wedge retains the end of the line against the channel with an
13 initial wedge pressure and wherein the initial wedge pressure is subsequently
14 amplified by a leverage factor of the wedge on the point where the line ends in
15 proportion to a pressure exerted to pull the line clamp through the raceway and at
16 least in part in a direction of the pressure exerted to pull the line clamp through the
17 raceway.

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19 **2. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the line clamp further
20 comprises a shim positioned between the wedge and the channel.
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23 **3. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the line clamp is sized to
24 fit within the raceway.
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27 **4. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein multiple line clamps
28 are connected to one another by flexible connectors attached between the wedges.
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1 **5. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible connectors
2 are fixed to each wedge.

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5 **6. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the line clamp is sized to
6 receive and retain the line.

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8 **7. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the channel has a narrow
9 end and a wide end, the wide end receiving the line.

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11 **8. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the line clamp further
12 secures the line as the wedge is forced closer to the narrow end.

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14 **9. (Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attachment
15 portion comprises a threaded connector having threads positioned at an end of the
16 threaded connector and attached at an opposite end of the threaded connector to
17 the wedge.

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19 **10. (Withdrawn)** An apparatus for retaining line, the apparatus
20 comprising:

21 a plurality of interconnected line clamps each having a wedge fitted into a
22 channel adapted to retain the line therebetween;

23 at least one flexible connector positioned between individual line clamps
24 and attached to each wedge; and

1 an attachment portion connected to the wedge and positioned on an end of
2 the plurality of interconnected line clamps.

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4 **11. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the plurality of
5 interconnected line clamps is sized to fit within a raceway.

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7 **12. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the plurality of
8 interconnected line clamps further comprise a shim positioned between the wedge
9 and the channel.

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11 **13. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each channel has a
12 narrow end and a wide end, the wide end providing a receiving area for receiving
13 an end of the line.

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15 **14. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the each line clamp
16 further secures the line as the wedge is forced closer to the narrow end.

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19 **15. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the attachment
20 portion is adapted to releasably attach to an end of a fish tape.

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23 **16. (Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the at least one
24 flexible connector is fixed to each wedge.

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2 17. **(Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the line clamps are
3 sized to receive and retain the line.

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5 18. **(Withdrawn)** The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the attachment
6 portion comprises a threaded connector having threads positioned at an end of the
7 threaded connector and attached at an opposite end of the threaded connector to
8 the end of the plurality of interconnected line clamps.

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10 19. **(Withdrawn)** A method of pulling line through a raceway, the method
11 comprising:

12 attaching the line to a line clamp;
13 attaching an attachment portion of the line clamp to an end of a fish tape;
14 and pulling the fish tape through the raceway.

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16 20. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim of claim 19, further comprising
17 affixing multiple lines to separate line clamps connected to one another by flexible
18 connectors attached between the line clamps.

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20 21. **(New)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the line clamp is sized to fit
21 within the raceway and the diameter of the raceway is about the same as the
22 diameter of the line clamp.